

A monthly newsletter for the citizens of the City of Rockville

Town Center: A New Horizon Evident

Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., looked over the construction site of the future Rockville Town Square development in Rockville Town Center during a visit on Sept. 21 and turned to Mayor Larry Giammo and Councilmember Bob Dorsey with just one thought.

“It sure has changed since the last time I was here,” said the governor, who was present for the project’s groundbreaking ceremony on June 15.

The governor, who was in Rockville in September for the grand opening of the first regional office of the state’s Department of Business and Economic Development, had the opportunity to see the rapid progress on the project.

On his prior visit, the site was still home to a strip shopping center on North Washington Street and several parking lots. On his most recent visit, few traces of the shopping center remained and the parking lots were being prepared for the construction



PROGRESS IN MOTION ... The construction site of the new Rockville Town Square project shows little resemblance to the way it looked just one month ago. The area in the foreground above is the site of the former strip shopping center on North Washington Street.

that will bring about 630 luxury residences and a mix of retail, restaurant, office and cultural uses.

The first buildings are expected to open in fall 2006.

Due to construction, one lane on East Middle Lane has been temporarily closed. To help traffic flow smoothly during the closure, only one-way

traffic will be allowed along most of East Middle Lane between North Washington Street and Route 355. Sidewalks around the site on East Middle Lane, North Washington Street and Beall Avenue have been closed and pedestrians are urged to walk on sidewalks on the opposite side of the street.

The pad site for the new Rockville Regional Library, which will be bordered by Beall Avenue on the north, has been prepared by the Whiting-Turner Construction Company and the City is near formal sale of the property to Montgomery County. The county will construct the 90,000 square-foot library, which will become the

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Town Center Key Dates

- Fall 2004:** Public improvements work begins (utilities installation, grading)
- Winter 2004-Spring 2005:** Significant construction begins
- Fall 2006:** New roads open. First retail stores to open.
- Late Fall 2006:** Opening of first buildings including Rockville Regional Library

largest branch in the county system.

For the latest information on construction progress, visit www.rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

Car Show, FSF Literary Conference, Peerless Week Set for October in City

10K/5K Run, Spooky Halloween Highlight Month of Events

There is no longer a season for major special events in Rockville. The City has carved a reputation for having blockbuster attractions year-round, and no month has more featured attractions than October.

This October, Rockville will host more than 400 vehicles at the annual Antique and Classic Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 16. One of the biggest shows on the East Coast each fall, the event will honor the anniversaries of three classic car models: the 100th celebration of Rolls Royce and Bentley and the 40th birthday of the Ford Mustang.

The ninth annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference will honor acclaimed short

story writer Grace Paley at Montgomery College on Saturday, Oct. 23.

“There definitely will be something for everybody this month in Rockville,” said Mike Henry, the City’s coordinator of special events.

Halloween activities will thrill all ages.

The Rockville Senior Center will host the Halloween Treats and Tricks Cooking seminar on Monday, Oct. 18. The Evening of Haunted Happenings at Rockville Civic Center Park on Friday, Oct. 22, will include the Croydon “Creep” at the Croydon Creek Nature Center featuring Dr. Blood; glow-in-the-dark fun at the Climbing Gym; and a

spooky tour of the Rockville Cemetery. On Saturday, Oct. 23, the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center will host the Third Annual Fall Spooktacular and on Saturday, Oct. 30, the Halloween Bash will go on at the Lincoln Park Community Center.

The 29th annual Rockville 10-kilometer/5-kilometer Run will again be hosted by the King Farm Village Center on Sunday, Oct. 17. The races, which will begin at 8:30 a.m., are expected to draw more than 600 runners.

More information on all of these events is spread throughout this edition of *Rockville Reports* and in this month’s *Focus on the Arts* insert. **RR**



DOG-GONE FUN... The City’s Second Annual Doggie Dip Day, held on Sept. 11 at the Swim Center, was a howling success. Approximately 350 dogs and their owners helped raise \$852 for the Montgomery County Humane Society as the event marked the closing of the outdoor pool for the season. All breeds were represented from small terriers to Saint Bernards. A special thanks to Animal Exchange for providing doggie doo bags.

October’s Best of Rockville

Oct. 16

Antique and Classic Car Show. Featuring the 100th anniversary of Rolls Royce and Bently and 40th anniversary of Mustang. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Rockville Civic Center Park. Free. 240-314-5022. (See photo right)

Oct. 17

29th Annual Rockville 10K/5K. Montgomery County’s oldest road running race to benefit the Rockville Youth Recreation Fun. 8:30 a.m. King Farm Village Center. www.mcrrc.org



Oct. 23

Ninth Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference. Montgomery College Rockville campus. Registration required. 240-590-9880.

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Changes Ahead for City Hall

Construction began on Sept. 22 on renovations and improvements to City Hall that will make Rockville’s government center more efficient for citizens and employees.

The Porter Company of Woodbine, Md., is the general contractor for the \$1.8 million project that will result in changes to City Hall’s lower and upper atrium areas, several conference rooms and office space of numerous departments.

The renovations will create more efficient public counter space, improved meet-

ing room space that is used by public groups and will alleviate overcrowding in several departments.

No additions will be made to the building. The City’s Graphics and Printing Division will be moved to the Bouic House, near City Hall.

Studies have shown that space is inadequate in City Hall. The last major renovation of City Hall occurred from 1980-82.

The public likely will begin to notice the affects of ongoing construction by November. During construc-

tion, every City department will continue operating counter space that is accessible to the public. Some meeting rooms will be unavailable, but these meetings will be moved to other City facilities. Visitor parking will continue to be available in City Hall lots, although parking could be limited during certain phases of construction if needed for construction organization.

For questions about City Hall renovations, call Bo Ferguson, assistant to the city manager, at 240-314-8105. **RR**

Curbing Traffic in Rockville’s West End

As traffic and development near the West End neighborhood increases primarily as a result of the Town Center construction, the City and West End residents have been working together to limit cut-through traffic, protect pedestrians and preserve the character of the neighborhood.

To accomplish these goals, the West End Traffic Committee and City staff are proposing potential road and sidewalk improvements, plus traffic restrictions, that could lessen cut-through traffic and improve safety and mobility in one of Rockville’s traditional neighborhoods.

Residents are invited to at-

tend a meeting in mid-October to discuss the options under consideration and to ask questions of City staff and members of the West End Traffic Committee. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Beall Elementary School. Citizens should call 240-314-8527 to confirm the date, time and location of the meeting.

One option under consideration would limit left turns and right turns at some intersections and place “Do not enter” restrictions at various locations. The restrictions will be limited to peak hour travel times when commuters attempt to cut through the

neighborhood.

Another proposal would implement traffic-calming methods that would require drivers to slow down to safely navigate West End streets. Modifications could include a traffic circle, narrowing streets, adding new curbs and installing parking enclaves.

Consideration also is being given to building new sidewalks that would create safer routes for pedestrians.

For more information on the proposals and the upcoming meeting, contact Katherine Kelly in the City’s Public Works Department at 240-314-8527. **RR**

Nominations Being Accepted for MLK, Jr., and Michael Taff Awards

Rockville’s Human Rights Commission is seeking nominations for its annual F. Michael Taff Award and the Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Award that will be presented at the City’s 33rd annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday celebration on Jan. 17 at the F.

“This award is really a statement of kindness, generosity and selflessness on behalf of the recipient.”

— Janet Kelly
Youth, Family & Comm. Services

Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville Civic Center Park.

The nomination deadline for both awards is Wednesday, Dec. 8.

The Taff Award honors an individual or organization that has made a contribution to improving the lives of people with disabilities. This contribution may include efforts to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, raise public awareness of disability issues or in any way further the cause of people with disabilities.

The award bears the name

of F. Michael Taff, former chairperson of the Rockville Human Rights Commission who demonstrated a commitment to people with disabilities.

Last year’s winner was John Miers, the vice-chair of the Montgomery County Commission on People with Disabilities. Among his countless contributions, Miers has worked tirelessly to improve transportation for people with disabilities and stricter enforcement of disability parking laws.

“This award is really a statement of kindness, generosity and selflessness on behalf of the recipient,” said Janet Kelly, the City’s coordinator of the event.

The Taff Award is open to a business, nonprofit employer or individual. Federal, state and local government agencies are not eligible for the award, but they are encouraged to submit nominations.

The Martin Luther King, Jr., Youth Award honors a student attending a high school in Rockville who has embraced and promoted the dreams of the civil rights leader who was murdered in 1968.

Nominees for the award will be judged on their consistent attention to pursuing avenues leading to peace and/or awareness and appreciation for everyone.

Last year’s award recipient was Christopher Kroeker, then



Winners from 2003: Christopher Kroeker (left) and John Miers.

a senior at Richard Montgomery High School.

Applications for the awards may be obtained by calling the City’s Human Rights Office at 240-314-8316 or by visiting www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/hr/awards. Send completed applications to the Rockville Human Rights Commission, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md., 20850.

To request this information in another form, call the City’s ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8139 (TTY 240-314-8137). **RR**



Focus On CONGESTED INTERSECTIONS



Three lanes in each direction help make the intersection of Gude Drive and Hungerford Drive one of the top 10 most congested intersections in Montgomery County.

Three of Montgomery’s Top 10 Congested Intersections Are in City

Busy intersections are a part of every day life for many commuters in Rockville. But how does the traffic congestion people experience here compare to other areas throughout the county?

The Montgomery County Planning Board recently released a list of the top 10 most congested intersections in the county and three are in Rockville. They are:

- West Montgomery Avenue (Maryland Route 28) at West Gude Drive
- Hungerford Drive at MiddleLane/Park Road
- Hungerford Drive at Gude Drive

Now that a list of congested intersections has been created, the county will use that information to prioritize projects needed to improve congestion in those areas. In addition, the information will be helpful to City and state planners to help guide future projects.

“We’re working closely with the state and county to plan ways to fix the problems and alleviate the congestion,” said Larry Marcus, chief of traffic and transportation for the City of Rockville. “While the Mayor and Council’s first priority is pedestrian safety, we know traffic congestion can be frustrating for commuters in Rockville. The congestion is a regional problem,

but a local concern.”

The top 10 congested intersections list was finalized by the Planning Board after they heard a presentation from County staff and listened to concerns from the public.

In many cases, the need to achieve planning goals such as targeting transportation investment in planned growth areas, promoting development in central business districts and Metro station areas, and supporting a multifaceted transportation network proved to be more important than relying solely on the results of the quantitative congestion measures.

After discussing the list, the Planning Board made its final recommendation to the Montgomery County Council and the County Executive.

“Improving the transportation network and reducing traffic congestion continue to be among the very highest priorities for the Planning Board and county leaders, and for residents and businesses as well,” said Derick P. Berlage, Montgomery County Planning Board Chairman. “With limited fiscal resources dedicated to transportation, it’s critical to prioritize projects to assure we get the most for the taxpayers’ investment.” **RR**

New Traffic Signals

New traffic signals have been installed at the intersections of Baltimore Road/Rockville High School and Wootton/Preserve Parkways.

The traffic signal at Rockville High School is a pedestrian signal and will only change for pedestrians who

push the button to cross Baltimore Road. When this happens, the signal will change to red in all directions to provide safe crossing for the pedestrians. During all other times, the signal will flash yellow for the traffic on Baltimore Road and red for the school exit. **RR**

Comments Invited on Plans for Lincoln Park, North Stonestreet Ave.

Lincoln Park Neighborhood Plan

The Lincoln Park Neighborhood Advisory group, in conjunction with City staff, has developed a set of recommendations for an update to the community's plan that will be presented for public review and comment this fall.

A date has yet to be set for the first public review.

As one of the oldest African-American communities in Montgomery County, dating to the 1850s, Lincoln Park plays an important role in Rockville.

Having a long-term plan for Lincoln Park is crucial because within three years the neighborhood will find itself a neighbor of the new Rockville Town Center that is currently under construction.

The proposed plan likely will advocate retention of Lincoln Park as a stable and secure neighborhood. Other important plan components include establishing circulation patterns that reinforce the residential community, and protecting its physical and cultural heritage.

The plan also calls for future residential construction in the neighborhood to be compatible with the community's character. **RR**

Dates of public meetings on the plans for Lincoln Park and North Stonestreet Avenue will be announced on the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov, on The Rockville Channel and through community announcements.

For more information contact Jim Wasilak, Chief of Long Range Planning, at 240-314-5000.

North Stonestreet Corridor Plan

A major step in planning for redevelopment of the North Stonestreet Avenue Industrial Corridor will take place this fall as the public will be invited to comment on recommendations presented by a consulting team and task force of community and business members.

A date has yet to be set for the first presentation.

In March, the Mayor and Council adopted the East Rockville Neighborhood Plan, which calls for retaining East Rockville's sense of identity as a quiet and secure residential neighborhood. The plan recommends creating a mixed-use area along North and South Stonestreet Avenues, as well as along the east side of the Rockville Metro station.

To achieve this transformation, the City hired a consultant team to study the complex issues affecting the business and property owners.

A task force made up of residents of East Rockville and Lincoln Park, as well as business and property owners in the corridor, began meeting in June to plan for the changes. The groups have so far focused on the zoning issues to be resolved to transform the area from primarily industrial to mixed-use. **RR**

Fecha límite para el registro de votantes

Aunque este año no se celebrarán las elecciones de la Ciudad de Rockville, se recuerda a los residentes del Condado de Montgomery que deseen votar en la Elección General Presidencial del 2 de noviembre que la fecha límite para el registro de votantes es el martes 12 de octubre.

Para ser un votante registrado, la persona debe ser ciudadana de los Estados Unidos, residir en el Condado de Montgomery y tener 18 años de edad al 2 de noviembre de 2004.

Las solicitudes de registro pueden obtenerse llamando al Servicio de Información de Votantes (240-777-VOTO) hasta el martes 5 de octubre. Las solicitudes también están disponibles en las bibliotecas del Condado, los centros regionales de servicios,

todas las oficinas del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Condado de Montgomery, la Administración de Vehículos Automotores y las oficinas de correo de los Estados Unidos.

Los residentes también pueden registrarse en la Junta Electoral (751 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville), en las siguientes fechas y horarios: lunes a viernes de 8:30 a.m. a 5 p.m.; sábado 9 de octubre, de 1 a 5 p.m.; domingo 10 de octubre, de 1 a 5 p.m., y martes 12 de octubre, de 8:30 a.m. a 9 p.m.

Para más información sobre el registro de votantes, llame al Servicio de Información de Votantes (240-777-VOTO) o visite el sitio de Internet en: www.777vote.org.

Translated by Victoria Imas-Duchovney. **RR**

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Weather Watcher Puts His Postmark on the Mail

H. Michael "Mike" Mogil, an 18-year, City of Rockville resident, will be honored by the U.S. Postal Service this month for helping to make the skies over Rockville famous.

From the front yard of his former home on Baylor Avenue, Mogil photographed an unusual Altocumulus Undulatus cloud. That image was chosen to be distributed to millions across the country as a new U.S. Postal Stamp.

Two ceremonies to recognize his and 14 other cloud stamps are expected to take place in early October in Boston and Rockville. Other sky events are being planned in Colorado and other locales nationwide.

"Clouds are awesome. They tell us much about the weather and atmosphere. And they make beautiful pieces of art, especially on stamps," said Mogil. "I've waited 15 years to get to this moment."

Mogil, a certified consulting meteorologist, became determined to get clouds on stamps while talking with a fellow cloud enthusiast in 1989. After submitting a petition containing some 3,000 signatures in support of the stamp idea, he heard nothing from the Postal Service until seven years later. Then he worked with the Postal Service for several more years to create a package of cloud stamps and their descriptions. Finally, late



King Farm resident Mike Mogil holds a picture of the stamps featuring images of clouds that will be released this month. Mogil took one of the cloud stamp photos from his former home on Baylor Avenue and worked 15 years to have the U.S. Postal Service adopt a stamp series on clouds.

in 2003, Mogil learned that the stamp idea had become a reality through an article in *The Washington Post*.

"It said the U.S. Postal Service was going to release stamps about clouds. I think I was on the phone telling people about it for a whole day," he said.

In addition to helping with the stamp project, Mogil lives each day passionately teaching anyone who will listen about weather. Through his company based in Rockville, *How the Weatherworks*, he helps others learn about science as a fo-

rensic meteorologist, as the editor of a children's science magazine and as producer of educational products for classrooms.

"I've wanted to be a meteorologist ever since I was in fourth grade," he said. "I was in my home in New York City and we were buffeted with hurricane winds. I watched stuff fly by my window and thought 'This is cool, I want to be a weatherman.'" He has been living his dream for 50 years now.

Mogil continues to photograph clouds from his porch at his home in King Farm. **RR**



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NEW ARTS AND MUSIC FEST A HOT TIME... Hundreds gathered in Rockville Town Center for the new Arts and Music Festival last month. (Above) Members of the Alan Kurzminsky team cook up RedEye Cicada Chili to win second place in the Freestyle Division of the Hard Times Chili Cook-off, a highlight of the new festival. Mike Haslam of Purcellville, Va., took home first place in the Freestyle competition, while John Berry of Rockville earned third. For additional winner information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov.

City Police K-9 Patrol Unleashed With Honors

The first K-9 unit in Rockville in 20 years has graduated from the Canine School sponsored by the Montgomery County Police Department and is now patrolling Rockville streets.

German Shepard Rocko, who is 70 pounds and has a blended brown/black/sand fur coat, was born in the Czech Republic and eventually made his way to Connecticut. There, he participated in a rigorous review and testing process to become the four-legged member of the two-member unit that forms the new City K-9 unit.

The other member of the team is Officer Kyle Dickerson,

a five-year Rockville Police veteran.

Rocko and Dickerson will primarily search for illegal items in buildings and vehicles—and even on people. In addition, Rocko can be helpful in locating missing persons, tracking articles and helping to protect his fellow human officers.

“Rocko can cover the same search area as 20 officers,” Dickerson said. “He will help us be even more effective than we are now.”

The canine program was made possible through about \$10,000 in private donations to the City’s Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 117. [RR](#)

New Location for Rockville Neighborhood and Community Services

The City’s Department of Neighborhood and Community Services moved to a new location last month. The Department’s new address, 20 Courthouse Square, Suite 205, is a few doors away from its former location at 32 Courthouse Square, but provides more space for the department to provide quality City services to residents.

The division of Community Enhancement and Code Enforcement, formerly housed

at City Hall, also moved its offices to the new location in order to work together with other department staff in providing services to residents.

The Department of Neighborhood and Community services is made up of the divisions of Community Programs and Administration, Community Enhancement and Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Services and Youth and Family Services. The department takes a multidisciplinary

and collaborative approach toward the resolution of problems encountered by residents and neighborhoods.

“The facility is outstanding,” said Guerdon Stuckey, director of Neighborhood and Community Services. “It has allowed us to consolidate our three divisions in a way we hope will provide efficiency to the way that we work and improve customer service to the people that we serve.”

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New Online: How to Party in Rockville



Glenview Mansion is one of the City’s numerous facilities available to rent for special events.

A new Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov/facilityrental will make partying in Rockville even easier for residents, business owners or anyone looking to hold a unique special event.

With a few clicks of a mouse, the online feature enables individuals to review information about all of Rockville’s facilities available for rent and helps visitors determine the best venue for their meeting or event.

The Web site will enable people to make a special occasion truly spectacular by hosting a party, conference or other important event at one of Rockville’s distinctive venues.

Parents or grandparents can add a little adventure by holding a child’s birthday party at the Croydon Creek Nature Center. Events ranging from exclusive corporate functions to weddings can be booked at historic Glenview Mansion in Rockville Civic

Center Park.

The City has an event site to fit nearly any need and type of event and budget. The 500-seat F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre could host a company’s new product launch. Family reunions would be right at the Lincoln Park or Twinbrook community centers.

“Glenview is kept in top-notch condition and is the perfect setting for a fairy tale wedding,” said the mother of a recent bride. “It can accommodate either an indoor or outdoor affair. It’s spacious, yet affordable. We were very pleased.”

Birthday parties are among the most popular events in the City. Parties can be centered around skateboarding at the Rockville Skate Park or climbing high toward the sky at the indoor Climbing Gym. The Rockville Swim Center also is a splash hit with youngsters.

For more information call 240-314-8620 or visit the new Web site. [RR](#)

Fall Leaf Collection Oct. 18 - Dec. 23

Each fall and spring, the City helps with yard maintenance by collecting fall leaves.

Simply rake leaves into the gutter, or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists by 6 a.m. on Friday of the collection week.

Be sure to remove all limbs, rocks and other heavy objects. Do not place the leaves in plastic bags. The City recycling program will collect the leaves and grass in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers.

For specific questions, call 240-314-8570. [RR](#)

COLLECTIONS PERIODS BY NEIGHBORHOOD AREAS

AREA #1 – Oct. 18 to Oct.22/Nov. 22 to Nov. 26

AREA #2 – Oct. 25 to Oct. 29/Nov. 29 to Dec. 3

AREA #3 – Nov.1 to Nov. 5/Dec. 6 to Dec. 10

AREA #4 – Nov. 8 to Nov. 12/Dec. 13 to Dec. 17

AREA #5 – Nov. 15 to Nov. 19/Dec. 20 to Dec. 23



INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the City Government at Work

Akridge Unveils Plans For ‘The Fitzgerald’

A complex of 292 condominium units and seven “town-lofts” in buildings of varied heights—some as tall as about 19 stories—could become part of Rockville Town Center, according to a proposal presented by the Akridge Development Company at a joint worksession of the Mayor and Council and the City’s Planning Commission on Sept. 20.

The concept of the project overall—a change from office space to residential units—drew general support during the worksession. However, the maximum heights proposed for the development to be known as “The Fitzgerald” were a cause for concern for members of the Mayor and Council.

Akridge, operating as Rockville Renaissance West LLC, presented its plans to develop half of the surface area parking lot it owns across from Town Center’s current restaurant row and Regal Cinema theaters. The Fitzgerald would be bordered by East Montgomery Avenue on the south, Maryland Avenue on the west and East Middle Lane on the north. A new street to be known as Renaissance Street—that Akridge is proposing to typically be open only to pedestrian traffic—would separate the Fitzgerald from the future development on the other half of the property.

The Preliminary Development Plan, originally approved in 1994 by the Planning Commission, permitted 362,875 square feet of office space and 37,750 square feet of retail space. Market conditions have made the need for office space soft while the demand for resi-

dential units has greatly increased, leading to the application for a change in uses.

The approved preliminary development plan would allow buildings as high as 225 feet (about 22 stories). The revised plan presented would have varied heights of 55 feet (about five stories), 66 feet, 81 feet, 125 feet and 190 feet (along the proposed new Renaissance Street).

The developers said they believed the design was an ideal extension of the ongoing Rockville Town Square project that is the key element of Phase I of Rockville Town Center and is located just north across East Middle Lane.

However, Councilmembers John Hall, Jr., Susan Hoffmann, Anne Robbins and Bob Dorsey expressed concerns about the height of the tallest building in particular, and about its location as proposed.

“I disagree with the statement that this proposal continues the Town Center feel,” said Hall. “I think it violates the Town Center feel. It is inappropriately too tall and, therefore, inappropriately too dense.”

Several suggestions were made during the presentation to possibly lower the height of the tallest building and place some of those stories on top of the lower buildings. Another thought was to move the highest buildings to the Maryland Avenue side of the project.

The developer will consider modifications before returning to the Mayor and Council and the Planning Commission for the next step in a possible approval process.

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CHANGING QUICKLY... Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., had an opportunity to see how fast the landscape is changing in downtown Rockville when he visited the construction site of the future Rockville Town Square development on Sept. 21. Mayor Larry Giammo (far left) and Councilmember Bob Dorsey (far right) enthusiastically explained the progress to the governor and Maryland secretary for the Department of Business and Economic Development Aris Melissaratos (second from right).

Trash Talking: New Ideas

Wanting to know if there was a less expensive and more efficient method to collect refuse, the Mayor and Council on Sept. 13 heard a consultant’s detailed analysis of the City’s current program and options for cost-saving changes.

Rockville residents are paying \$27.75 monthly in FY 2005 for twice-a-week collections. The fee includes recycling collections weekly and leaf collection in spring and fall. Consultants R.W. Beck reported that to maintain the current system would cause rates to increase to approximately \$37.50 per month by 2010.

The report focused on several areas that could be modified to limit operation costs, although it is likely that controlling those costs could only limit the size of future increases.

Rockville will soon send a survey and informational letter about the options to all residents.

Four cost saving options presented to the Mayor and Council were:

- Eliminating backyard collec-

tions (estimated annual \$120,000 in direct savings plus \$47,000 in avoided employee injury costs)

- Going to fully-automated trucks with twice-weekly collections (no direct savings, but saves \$70,000 in avoided injuries)
- Fully-automated service with once-weekly collections (\$210,000 in direct savings with \$70,000 savings in avoided injuries)
- Using semi-automated trucks with once-weekly collections (\$280,000 in direct savings with \$70,000 in avoided injuries)

Councilmember John Hall, Jr., asked that figures be worked up for semi-automated service with twice-weekly collections.

Other figures the City will ask the consultants to provide will consider an optional pricing method to set rates by the amount of trash left for collection. Those rates could be set by charging by the pound of collections or by the amount of bags left. RR

Twinbrook Commons Appears Rockville Bound

Twinbrook Commons, a planned mixed-use development of residences, retail and office space proposed for the Twinbrook Metro Station and its parking lots, is moving closer to being a project that will be entirely in the City of Rockville.

The Mayor and Council took three actions related to the project at their general session of Sept. 13, including introduction of a resolution that would annex a major portion of the development’s land from Montgomery County into

the City.

By having the 17 of the 26 acres annexed into the City, the entire project can be developed under one plan overseen by one jurisdiction.

The City benefits because it will have more control over the entire development and eventually, the entire development will become part of Rockville’s tax base.

“We are very happy to be where we are with this project,” said Mayor Larry Giammo. RR

NEXT STEP

- ✓ Public Hearing—Monday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m.



ROCKVILLE’S BEGINNINGS... A site that once was part of one of Rockville’s earliest settlements was re-dedicated on Sept. 18 in a name that reflects its origins. The 1.3-acre park, nestled between homes in the Twinbrook neighborhood, was renamed Autre-St. Mary’s Park, after the 472-acre Autre-St. Mary’s Plantation. That homestead can be traced to the Caleb Litton Family that became one of the first area settlers in the 1720s. Among those attending the ceremonies, left to right, were Councilmembers John Hall, Jr., and Anne Robbins, Mayor Larry Giammo, former Montgomery County Councilmember Blair Ewing (a Litton descendant) and other family descendants. Maryland State Senator Jenny Forehand and State Delegate Luiz Simmons (both not pictured) also attended the re-dedication.



Mayor
Larry Giammo



Councilmember
Robert E. (Bob) Dorsey



Councilmember
John F. Hall, Jr.



Councilmember
Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember
Anne M. Robbins

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Mondays (unless otherwise noted) when there is a General Session or Public Hearing. Call the City Clerk’s Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled for October and November are:

- Oct. 11: John Hall, Jr.
- Nov. 15: Susan Hoffmann

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel, and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. All meetings are subject to change.

- Oct. 4 (Mon.) Worksession (FY 2006 Budget), 5:30 p.m., General Session/ Public Hearing (Community Development Block Grants, 7 p.m.)
- Oct. 11 (Mon.) Worksession (Twinbrook area), 7 p.m.
- Oct. 25 (Mon.) Worksession with Planning Commission, 7 p.m. (zoning ordinance; Town Center traffic analysis)

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Human Services Advisory Commission (one at-large)
- Human Rights Commission (three)
- Landlord/Tenant (one/tenant)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.



Scarecrows will be created at Twinbrook Community Center.

Halloween: A Howling Good Time in the City

The tree leaves are turning brown, pumpkins are being picked and carved, apple cider is being served and scarecrows are being stuffed—all signs that Halloween is coming soon in Rockville. Celebrate with the City at a variety of creepy, crawly and just plain fun events for all ages:

Monday, Oct. 18 Treats and Tricks Cooking

Senior Center, 10 a.m. Registration required. \$25 members/ \$30 non-members. 240-314-8800
Learn the tricks to making treats for your little, or big, guests. Make Jack O'Lantern jumble pizza dip in a pumpkin, frightfully orange punch and more.

Friday, Oct. 22 Haunted Happenings

Rockville Civic Center Park, 6 p.m. FREE (some items have a small fee). 240-314-8605
Take part in spooky fun at Rockville's signature Halloween event. At 7 p.m., watch the drive-in movie, "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" shown on a 25-foot screen and heard through each car's F.M. radio. Don't miss the "Croydon Creep" at the Croydon Creek Nature Center featuring Dr. Blood from 7-8 p.m with all his slimy and slithery friends; glow-in-the-dark fun at the Climbing Gym; and a spooky tour of the Rockville Cemetery. There is a \$5 per vehicle charge for parking and a concession stand with movie-style treats for the drive-in movie. Bring your own pumpkin or buy a pumpkin to paint for \$1.Bring a flashlight to navigate in the dark.

Saturday, Oct. 23 Third Annual Fall Spooktacular

Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 1-3 p.m. \$1 per person, additional \$2 for pumpkin painting or scarecrow making. 240-314-8830
Families are invited to the center for an afternoon of activities including a moonbounce, carnival games and prizes, Halloween Bingo, arts and crafts, a fortune teller and other entertainment. Prizes will be awarded for the scariest, best, most original and funniest costumes.

Sunday, Nov. 7 MCRRC Halloween Young Run

Gude Drive and Route 355, 9 a.m.: Registration and entry fee required. 301-353-0200
Children 12 and under participate in a road race just for them. There are three distances: one mile, one-half mile or one-quarter mile. Register online at www.mcrrc.org/hyr.

Saturday, Oct. 30 Halloween Bash

Lincoln Park Community Center , 3-5 p.m.: Elementary-aged activities; 7-10 p.m.: Middle and high school dance, \$1 Residents, \$ 3 Nonresidents
Costume contest, prizes, face painting, games, pumpkin painting, pony rides and a petting zoo. Haunted Halloween dance and costume contest for teens. Refreshments for sale. [RR](#)

Rockville 10K/5K Runs Throughout King Farm on Oct. 17

Residents of King Farm will have a few more visitors than usual on Oct. 17 as more than 600 runners are expected to gather in the King Farm Village Center for the start of the Rockville 10K/5K at 8:30 a.m.
"Although we have been sponsors of the race for the past three years, this is the first year the entire race will be contained within the King Farm community," said Gary Edell, vice president of Penrose Group, the developers of King Farm.
Along with two new redesigned courses, the race also will include a new Kids Fun Run. Children under 5 will be invited to run a few blocks, while older children will run a longer distance.
"The new Kids Fun Run also will encourage families to

attend the event and promote physical fitness for little kids," said Edell. "It's been well-received in other communities and we're hoping for the same in King Farm."
The Montgomery County Road Runners Club, in conjunction with the City's Recreation and Parks Department, will conduct the race. It will kickoff with a rousing stretch routine led by representatives of the Sergeant's Program. At about 10 a.m., awards and prizes will be distributed.
For more information, including fees, race registration or to volunteer, visit www.mcrrc.org by 12 noon on Oct. 14 or call 301-460-8888. No registration or entry fee is required for children participating in the Kids Fun Run. [RR](#)

Seniors Step Up for Two Good Local Causes

Seniors Walk to Raise Money for Alzheimer's; Donate Teddy Bears to Children at Shady Grove Hospital

The active seniors at the Rockville Senior Center are walking to support two important causes this month.
On Sunday, Oct. 3, the center will lead a team of enthusiastic walkers to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association's National Capital Area chapter.
Rockville area residents of all ages are invited to be a part of "The Rockville Senior Center Memory Walkers" either by walking on the team or sponsoring a participant.
Team registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Courthouse Square in Rockville Town Center. The Walk takes place from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Participants can choose to walk one or

three miles.
On Thursday, Oct. 7, at 9:45 a.m., nearly 50 seniors are planning to walk the one and a half miles from the Senior Center to the Shady Grove Hospital to distribute new stuffed animals to the children on the pediatrics floor. The event will be followed by a complimentary lunch in the cafeteria.
For more information on either of the events, call the Senior Center at 240-314-8800.[RR](#)

Antique Car Show Oct. 16

Rolls Royce, Bentley Celebrate at 100; Mustang Turns 40

The grounds of the Rockville Civic Center Park will be covered with not only colorful fall leaves, but also more than 400 multi-colored historic automobiles at the annual Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.
The free event will honor the anniversaries of three classic car models; the 100th celebration of Rolls Royce and Bentley and the 40th birthday of Mustang.
Members from 20 car clubs, including Packard and Thunderbird, will participate, making the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show one of the premiere fall car events on the East Coast.
It is an annual ritual for auto collectors, enthusiasts or just curious observers to celebrate their common automotive passions, share tips and recall fond memories of the classic cars of yesteryear. Attendees can stroll through the cars on display, shop at the car related flea market and sample tasty treats from the numerous food vendors.
The Rockville Concert Band will provide uplifting musical entertainment while youth jump in the moon-bounce and paint a pumpkin.
Civic Center Park is located at Baltimore Road and East Edmonston Drive. For more information call 240-314-5022 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov. [RR](#)

Fallsgrove Fall Festival Oct. 24



Facepainting at last year's Fallsgrove Festival
Fallsgrove, Rockville's newest mixed-use community, continues to grow and in that same respect, the second annual Fallsgrove Fall Fest promises to be even bigger than the highly successful festival held last autumn.
Seasonal fun for all ages will be the theme on Sunday, Oct. 24,

from 1- 4 p.m. in front of the Fallsgrove Community Clubhouse. Sponsored by the Fallsgrove Civic Association, the event will feature upbeat music and entertaining activities for youngsters.
The Fall Fest also offers an opportunity for community members to interact over their home-made picnic lunches. All attendees are encouraged to bring their own food.
"Everybody has busy lives and does things as individual families," said Arthur Goldberg, Fallsgrove Civic Association president. "This is a chance for people to get together and discover what a great group of neighbors we have in Fallsgrove."[RR](#)

First Sister City Red Wine Tasting Nov. 5

Wine connoisseurs will have a chance to taste unique red wines at a new Rockville Sister City Corporation event this fall.
RSCC will host a "Red Wines of the Mediterranean" tasting event on Friday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rockville Senior Center.
"Our first red wine tasting event offers a special opportunity for area wine connoisseurs to interact with each other while learning about and sampling exceptional foods and drink," said Wayne Savage, chairman of the event.
Rockville's Sister City Corporation since 1957 has fostered the sharing of cultures between Pinneburg, Germany, and Rockville. The group hosts a hugely successful white wine tasting event at Glenview Mansion each spring. At the request of annual event attendees, the group added a second tasting, the "Red Wines of the Mediterranean."
Tickets are available through members of RSCC, at

the Rockville Library, at the Senior Center or by sending a check and registration form to Rockville Sister City Corporation, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Md. 20850.
Admission for RSCC members is \$20 if purchased before Oct. 27. Non-members who register early will pay \$25. After Oct. 29, the price will increase to \$30 for members and non-members.
For more information call 240-314-5029. [RR](#)

In Brief



DANCIN’ IN THE STREETS ... *The first Rockville Arts and Music Festival on Sept. 18 featured dancing in the streets with a variety of music, including a German Polka band.*

The Finest! Auditions

The Finest! Youth Performance Troupe will hold auditions for the 10th Annual African American Heritage Production on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 5 p.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

Youth performers ages 6 and up who are interested in acting, dance, theatre technical work and more are invited. Rehearsals begin in November and continue until the production date on Friday, Feb. 4.

CALL **240-314-8633** FOR INFO

Voter Registration Deadline Nears

While an election will not be held in Rockville this year, Montgomery County residents who wish to vote in the Nov. 2 Presidential General Election must register to vote by 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Qualifications to register: Be a U.S. citizen, live in Montgomery County and be at least 18 years old on or before Nov. 2.

Obtain an application by calling the Voter Information Service at 240-777-VOTE before Tuesday, Oct. 5. See www.777vote.org for more details.

CALL **240-777-8688** FOR INFO

Senior Center Bingo Manager Needed

The Rockville Senior Center is seeking a bingo manager. This volunteer is needed from 5:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings and then for one hour on Thursdays. While this is a volunteer role, the hours worked count toward free Senior Center membership.

CALL **240-314-8800** FOR INFO

Lunch Wednesdays Concludes With Rockin’ Good Times

Rockville Town Center restaurants put on their best, East Montgomery Avenue becomes a street market and the whole scene is part of a lunch-time concert every Wednesday for the City’s “Out to Lunch Wednesdays.” The events, which were held every Wednesday since June, will conclude this month.

Visit Town Center from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. for the following:
Oct. 6–Rock-N-Roll Review: Oldies
Oct. 13–Lisa Moscatiello Band: Folk Rock
Oct. 20–The Hula Monsters: Hawaiian Swing
Oct. 27–Red Toed Road: Bluegrass

CALL **240-314-5022** FOR INFO

Oct. Last Chance for Farm-fresh Produce

Saturdays in October from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. are the last days of the season for shopping at the Rockville Growers Only Farmers’ Market now located in the Montgomery County juror’s parking lot at the corner of Jefferson Street (Route 28) and Monroe Street. Products available include fresh fruits, vegetables, perennial and cut flowers, baked goods and more.

CALL **240-134-5022** FOR INFO

Time Well Spent: Be a Mentor

Adult mentors are needed to be role models and friends to deserving youth on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the College Gardens Elementary School throughout the school year.

To participate in this rewarding volunteer position or for more information, contact Mandy Smith at the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services at 240-314-8318 or at msmith@rockvillemd.gov.

CALL **240-314-8318** FOR INFO

College Gardens Water Workshops

The Department of Public Works, in conjunction with community groups in College Gardens, will sponsor free workshops this fall on simple ways to improve the area’s water quality at the Rockville Senior Center.

All workshops will be held at the Rockville Senior Center. Call the Department of Public Works at 240-314-8500 to register or for more information.

October workshops are as follows:

- **Install a Rain Garden**
Saturday, Oct. 2, 9 a.m. -12 noon (Inclement Weather Date: Saturday, Oct. 9, from 9-12 noon).

Learn the design and proper placement of a rain garden that uses runoff from your roof or paved area to grow a garden of native plants that grow well with minimal care. Bring a spade and/or hand trowel.

- **Build Your Rain Barrel**
Saturday, Oct. 16, 9 a.m. -12 noon (rescheduled from Sept. 25)

Learn the function of rain barrels and how they can improve your lawn and garden, reduce your water bill and help the environment.

CALL **240-314-8500** FOR INFO

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1, 15 **MOBY Medical Clinic** Primary medical care to low-income, uninsured and the working-poor in Montgomery County. Sign-up starting at 8 a.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. 301-493-2400

8, 22 **MOBY Medical Clinic** Sign-up starts at 8 a.m. Lincoln Park Community Recreation Center. 301-493-2400

6,13, 20, 27 **Out to Lunch Wednesdays** Food, music and Farmers’ Market. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. East Montgomery Avenue.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **Rockville Growers’ Only Saturday Farmers Market** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Juror’s Parking Lot at the corner of East Jefferson Avenue and Monroe Street. Free parking.

16 **Antique & Classic Car Show** Features 100th anniversary of Rolls Royce and Bently and 40th anniversary of Mustang. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Rockville Civic Center Park.

17 **29th Annual Rockville 10K/ 5K** Montgomery County’s oldest running race to benefit the Rockville Youth Recreation Fun. 8:30 a.m. King Farm Village Center. www.mcrrc.org.

22 **Off-Leash Dog Testing** Tests to see if City dogs can be walked without a leash. Call to register as date is subject to change. Middle Lane Parking Lot. 240-314-8930

22 **Haunted Happenings** 7 p.m. Drive-In Movie 6-8 p.m. Family fun activities. Rockville Civic Center Park. FREE. \$5 per vehicle for field parking for movie

23 **Ninth Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference** Montgomery College Rockville Campus. Registration Required.

23 **Fall Spooktacular** Family

october calendar of events

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activities including scarecrow making, pumpkin painting and more. 1-3 p.m. Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. \$1

ARTS
The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville’s Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

October is Arts and Humanities Month

Thru Oct. 15
“Sculpture On the Grounds” 16th Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit Juried Regional Artists Show. Rockville Civic Center Park Grounds. FREE.

2 **National Philharmonic Piano Recital featuring Awadagin Pratt** Beethoven “Moonlight” and Listz Sonata in B Minor. 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets \$23, \$17, \$11 (depending upon seat location.) 301-762-8580

3-Nov. 1 **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery** Figurative Imagery Exhibit: Jan S. Heginbotham- bronze sculpture, Allison B. Miner- oil painting, Deanna Schwartzberg- painted paper assemblage. Reception 1 p.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3. Artist talk 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21. Guided Gallery Tour 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 22. 240-314-8682

3 **Glenview Mansion Sunday Afternoon Concert Series** Ron Warren & Friends—Native American flutes. 2 p.m. FREE. Seating on a first-come first served basis. 240-314-8682

16 **National Philharmonic Concert** “Timeless Genius,” National Philharmonic Chorale Chamber Orchestra, Bach. 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets \$41, \$31,

\$21 (depending upon seat location.) 301-762-8580

17 **Rockville Concert Band** Patriotic marches, show tunes, and American favorites. 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. FREE. Donations accepted. 240-314-8681

24 **Rockville Arts Place** “Art of Tea” Fundraiser. 1-3 p.m. Tickets \$50. 301-869-8623.

28, 29, 30-Nov. 20

Rockville Musical Theatre presents “Ragtime” 8 p.m. (except Nov. 7 at 2 p.m.) Dress Rehearsal/ Senior Night Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Tickets \$15 adult, \$8 youth. 301-530-6477

NATURE CENTER
All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

2 **Monarch Butterfly Migration Trip** Board a pontoon boat at Patuxent River Park and ride to vast marsh marigold fields in search of mass numbers of monarch butterflies that are gathering together for a long journey south. Cost includes transportation by van, leadership and fees. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. 12 noon-5 p.m. Ages 18-over. \$25 RES / \$30N

4 **Migrating Monarchs** Learn how monarch butterflies travel from Maryland to Mexico. Capture some Monarchs and put ID tags on them so we can track their movements from North America to Central America. Also includes a hike and making a craft. 1-2 p.m. Ages 6-over. \$5 RES / \$6 N

6 **Tiny Tot Walk – Super Spiders** Search the meadow and woods for amazing arachnids. 10:30a.m.-11:15 a.m. Ages 18 months-2 years. \$3

RES / \$4 NS

6 **Tyke Hikes - Super Spiders** 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-5 \$3 RES / \$4 NR

14 **How Many Bears Live in the Forest?** 10-11 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$4 RES / \$5 NR

15 **Autumn Apples** Eat freshly made applesauce, make a Johnny Appleseed pouch and taste different varieties of apples. 10-11 a.m. All ages. \$4 RES/ \$5 NR

SENIOR CENTER
All programs are a the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless otherwise noted. Phone: 240-314-8800

1 **How to Purchase and Use a Digital Camera** 1-3 p.m. FREE. Registration Required.

5, 7 **Spanish Reading and Writing** 1-3 p.m. \$40 MEM / \$45 NM Registration Required.

6 **Birthday Party** 1:30 p.m. FREE

6,13,20,27 **Quilting-Intro for the Beginner** 10 a.m.-12 noon \$20 MEM / \$25 NM plus \$10 material fee payable at class

12, 19 **Simple Word Processing** 1-3 p.m. \$6 MEM / \$8 NM

18 **Living Well in Retirement** 1-2:30 p.m. FREE

18,19 **e-Bay Basics** 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$8 MEM / \$10 NM. Registration Required

26 **Painting on Glass** 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. \$8 MEM / \$10 NM. \$15 material fee payable at class. Register by Oct. 13

26 & 27 **Woodworking- Beginning Pen Making** 10 a.m.-12 noon \$49 MEM / \$61 NM. \$10 material fee payable at class. Register by Oct. 15

27 **Flu Shots** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20 without Medicare Part B

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

2 **Board of Appeals** 9:30 a.m.

12 **Human Services Advisory Commission** 7:30 p.m. Suite 205, 20 Courthouse Square

12 **Commission on the Environment** 7:30 p.m.

13 **Planning Commission** 7 p.m.

13 **Cultural Arts Commission** 7 p.m. Cottage at Civic Center Park

18 **Sign Review Board** 4 p.m. (held as needed)

19 **Rockville Seniors, Inc.** 1 p.m. Senior Center

19 **Town Center Action Team** 7 p.m. Room 105, Red Brick Courthouse

20 **Rockville Housing Enterprises** 6:30 p.m. 14 Moore Dr.

21 **Historic District Commission** 7 p.m.

21 **Rockville Sister City Corporation** 7:30 p.m.

21 **Senior Citizens Commission** 10 a.m. Senior Center

26 **Traffic and Transportation Commission** 7:30 p.m.

27 **Human Rights Commission** 7:30 p.m.

27 **Rockville Economic Development, Inc. Board Meeting** 7:30 a.m. 95 Monroe Street (call 301-315-8096)

27 **Planning Commission** 7 p.m.

28 **Recreation and Parks Advisory Board** 7 p.m. Pump House

Rockville Up Close: Rotary Club of Rockville

Residents help shape Rockville through involvement with neighborhood and civic associations and participation on Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commission. On a regular basis, Rockville Up Close will take an in-depth look at these organizations.

This fall, hundreds of youth will learn teamwork skills in Rockville sports programs, receive homework help in the after school Kidz Clubs and reap many other benefits from the City’s variety of recreation activities. Some of these youngsters will be able to participate thanks to the longtime support of the Rotary Club of Rockville. The 42-member organization is celebrating its 75th anniversary of significantly supporting the Rockville community, including a long-time relationship with the City.



Rockville Rotary volunteers help make the Rockville RunFest a huge success each summer.

One important Rotary Club project is its work with City staff and other local organizations to coordinate fundraising events to support the Rockville Rotary Recreation Fund. The Fund is used to ensure youth participation in programs for those who cannot afford the fees. The Fund supports 450 youth annually with registration fees and, supplies such as uniforms and equipment. Financial assistance is available to eligible youth 17

years old and younger and is distributed based on need. “Rockville is a community of incredibly varied ethnic and socioeconomic individuals,” said Peggy Carr, president of the Rotary Club of Rockville. “There are many citizens who can’t afford to send their kids to these recreation programs. It’s important for all kids to be able to participate.” The largest event in support of the Fund is the Rockville Rotary Twilight RunFest,

held each July. Last year’s run raised \$20,000. The Rockville Rotary Club supports youth in other ways too. Last year the club donated \$10,000 to Polio Plus to help rid the world of polio. One of this year’s projects is the donation of a dictionary to every third grader in the Montgomery County Public School system in honor of the 100th anniversary of Rotary International. The Club meets weekly at public meetings at Glenview Mansion. For more information about the Rockville Rotary call 301-340-0500. Checks for the Youth Recreation Fund can be sent to the City of Rockville c/o Youth Recreation Fund, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 or include an extra contribution via the recreation registration form. Call 240-314-8625 for more information. RR

Volunteer Time: Holiday Drive

There are numerous ways to share talent, experience, expertise and time with individuals or organizations by volunteering in the City. Each month “Volunteer Time” will highlight a different opportunity to promote an interest in giving back to the community. For more than 30 years, the City of Rockville has operated an annual Holiday Drive to distribute food baskets and new toys to needy Rockville families. The Drive is currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help organize and manage the large quantities of food and toys gathered during the holiday months.

There are many ways people can support the Drive. For those who only have a few hours to spare, they can sign-up to be a part of a group of about eight to 15 people who help pack food baskets the week before Thanksgiving or help to deliver food baskets on Saturday, Nov. 20. Spending time assisting with the Secret Toy Shop in December is another way to participate for just a few hours.

People who want to make a larger commitment can sign-up now to organize a canned food drive or a drive to collect new unwrapped toys. The food drive should be completed by mid-November and the toy drive by mid-December so the items can be packed and distributed.

“The Rockville Holiday Drive is a wonderful way for people to volunteer their time before and during the season of giving,” said Mary Lou Jacobs, Rockville’s community services program manager.

In addition to personal time, the Drive also encourages people to sponsor a family or individual by buying a group of gifts and food. Another way to support the Drive is by sending a tax-deductible contribution to purchase turkeys and fresh produce as well as toys and gift certificates.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Jacobs at 240-314-8303 or at mjacobs@rockvillemd.gov.RR

Peerless Celebrates 30th Anniversary Oct. 17-24



To raise community awareness about the role it plays in promoting local history, Peerless Rockville each year sponsors “Peerless Rockville Week.” This year Peerless Rockville will celebrate the organization’s 30th anniversary in conjunction with a variety of activities during the week of Oct. 17-24. Many of the events

are free. Peerless Rockville is a nonprofit, community-based organization founded in 1974 to preserve buildings, objects and information important to Rockville’s heritage. For more information, call 301-762-0096 or visit www.peerlessrockville.org. RR

Peerless Rockville Week- Schedule of Events

- Sunday, Oct. 17: **Historic Places Tour.** Self-guided tour starts at Red Brick Court House. Tour 12 noon-5 p.m. \$\$ **Montrose School Reunion, Opening of “Rockville’s Road to Brown” Exhibit and Baptist Cemetery Fence Dedication.** Montrose School. Program 2-3 p.m. Dedication of Baptist Cemetery fence. 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 20: **Mix & Mingle.** Enjoy camaraderie and history in a handsome Victorian building at 114 West Montgomery Ave. and nearby ancient burial ground. 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$\$ 301-424-9300
- Thursday, Oct. 21: **Lincoln High School Open House and Tour.** Tours of Lincoln High School, photos and memorabilia on display. Peerless Rockville exhibit of “Rockville’s Road to Brown” and refreshments. 5-7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 23: **F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference.** 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Peerless tour at 1 p.m. Montgomery College. \$\$ 301-309-9461
- Saturday, Oct. 23: **Workday at historic Rockville Cemetery.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 301-871-7614
- Sunday, Oct. 24: **Bike Ride through Historic Rockville.** Choose one or both of the 14-mile or 6-mile rides that will pass through historic sites in Rockville. 10 a.m. Red Brick Courthouse (14-mile ride) 12 noon Red Brick Courthouse (6-mile ride). Advance registration recommended. 301-762-0096

\$\$= Event has a fee. - - - CLIP & SAVE - - -

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL OCTOBER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 Midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
6 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 am	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 am	Caregivers: Mentors	Annual Report	Caregivers: Mentors	Annual Report	Hi-Tech Patrol	Annual Report	Annual Report
7:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
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9 am	▼	Diversity in the City ▼	Not Your Father's Eval. Form	Rockville City Government	Annual Report	Diversity in the City ▼	▼
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10 am	▼	Hi-Tech Patrol	Destination: rockvillemd.gov	Diversity in the City ▼	Not Your Father's Eval. Form	Annual Report	▼
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11 am	Cityline	Not Your Father's Eval. Form	Caregivers: Mentors	Annual Report	Hi-Tech Patrol	Rockville City Government	Cityline
11:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
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1 pm until meeting ends	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission ▼
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